

2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations

Project Name: Bayonne Avenue C Resurfacing and Safety Improvements- Phase II - North Section, Bayonne, NJ

Amount Requested: \$800,000

Recipient: City of Bayonne

Address: 630 Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ 07002

Project Description: The requested funding would be used to mill and repave approximately 2,600 linear feet (0.5 mile) of Avenue C from 41st Street to 51st Street in Bayonne, and carry out full-depth reconstruction of severely degraded sections of the 60' wide, four-lane + two parking-lane roadway. Deteriorated curbs and sidewalks would be reconstructed, compliant ADA accessible curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces would be installed at all intersections, and street plantings would be installed.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The project would benefit the citizens of Bayonne through improved safety as a result of a resurfaced road. The project would also improve traffic flow, reduce traffic congestion and congestion-related emissions, improve air quality through reduced emissions, and conserve fuel by reducing congestion-caused idling time. Additionally, this project would support the economic revitalization of the key Avenue C Commercial Corridor.

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Project Name: Rehabilitation of the 4th Street Community Center, Bayonne, NJ

Amount Requested: \$250,000 Recipient: City of Bayonne

Address: 630 Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ 07002

Project Description: Funding would be used for needed renovations (replace the floor, kitchen and bathrooms, drainage, stairwells) of the Bayonne Community Center at 4th Street.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This center is the hub of the Bayonne community and serves approximately 1500 people/week providing space and programs for seniors, children, handicapped persons and community groups. It also houses the City's senior feeding program which provides meals to 300 persons per day.

Project Name: Arthur Kill Waterway Ferry Terminal, Carteret, NJ

Amount Requested: \$5,680,000

Recipient: Borough of Carteret

Address: 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008 Project Description: This project includes construction of a ferry terminal which includes a loading pier, pedestrian shelters, ticket and restroom building, commuter parking lot, pedestrian walkways, lighting, landscaping, bulkhead, and miscellaneous amenities.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: The proposed ferry service would link up bus transportation along lower Roosevelt Avenue from Woodbridge through Carteret to Exit 12 of the New Jersey Turnpike. This would decrease the number of vehicles on local roadways.

Project Name: Improvements to the Intersection of Roosevelt Avenue (Middlesex County Route 602), Minue Street and Post Boulevard, Borough of Carteret, Middlesex County, NJ

Amount Requested: \$3,070,000

Recipient: Borough of Carteret

Address: 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008

Project Description: The proposed operational and geometric intersection improvements would allow vehicles full access to turn. These improvements are necessary to accommodate current conditions as well as future redevelopment projects anticipated. The existing intersection presently experiences significant traffic delays and requires a substantial configuration to accommodate current and future traffic.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The project would alleviate congestion and reduce the length of queues approaching the Roosevelt Avenue/ Minue Street/ Post Boulevard intersection.

Project Name: Improvements to the Peter J. Sica Industrial Highway/ Roosevelt Avenue Bridge Project, Carteret, NJ

Amount Requested: \$7,920,000 Recipient: Borough of Carteret Address: 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008 Project Description: This project would make the necessary upgrades to the existing bridge which connects the easterly and westerly portions of the Borough of Carteret. This bridge traverses the New Jersey Turnpike and provides a connection between New Jersey Route 1 and 0 and Interchange 12 of the Turnpike.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The proposed construction would alleviate congestion and make the walkway safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. Widening the bridge would have a positive impact on the competitiveness of local, state, and regional economies because the bridge is a vital link between numerous transportation hubs such as the Newark Liberty International Airport and Elizabeth Seaport.

Project Name: Senior Housing in the Middlesex Avenue Redevelopment Area, Carteret, NJ

Amount Requested: \$9,200,000 Recipient: Carteret Housing Development Corporation Address: 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008 Project Description: This project would create 100 affordable, high-rise senior units to provide housing for the protected senior population.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would provide affordable housing for senior citizens, stimulate a pedestrian friendly, central business district, and create small business investments and new jobs. The senior population is financially and physically challenged to maintain their single-family residential housing systems and exterior property maintenance.

Project Name: Veterans Housing Project, Carteret, NJ Amount Requested: \$433,896 Recipient: Carteret Housing Development Corporation

Address: 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008

Project Description: This project would create four sustainable veterans housing units to provide affordable housing for the veteran population as a demonstration project.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would create and sustain jobs in the redevelopment area and provide veterans affordable housing and quality of life enhancement. Veterans challenged with securing affordable housing will be provided housing options and a network of resources.

Project Name: Waterfront Marina Redevelopment Project, Carteret, NJ

Amount Requested: \$11,093,725

Recipient: Borough of Carteret Address: 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008 Project Description: This project would allow Carteret to redevelop its waterfront area. Redevelopment includes the construction of a 276 slip marina that will help spur business growth and development in this economically depressed area.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would provide safe harbor to the docked vessels while providing public access to the waterfront. This project would also spur business growth and development.

Project Name: Renovation of the Essex County Family Justice Center, Newark, NJ Amount Requested: \$850,000

Recipient: Community Foundation of New Jersey

Address: 35 Knox Hill Road, Morristown, NJ 07963 Project Description: Funding would be utilized for costs related to the renovation and build-out of identified space that would house New Jersey's first Family Justice Center (FJC) and improve access and enhance coordinated services to domestic violence victims and their children, particularly those of low and moderate-income.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: Establishing New Jersey's first Family Justice Center in Essex County will provide coordinated comprehensive services in one location. Outcomes of this model include reduced homicide, increased safety for victims, increased autonomy and empowerment for victims, and increased prosecution of offenders.

Project Name: Rehabilitation of the Kingsland Ave. Bridge on the Passaic River, Essex County, NJ

Amount Requested: \$4,000,000 Recipient: County of Essex

Address: 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Newark, NJ 07102

Project Description: The project would remediate all of the deficiencies listed on the inspection reports and bring the swing bridge structure to a status fully compliant with current regulations pertinent to movable bridges. This includes upgrading the bridge's control operating system, structural repairs, electrical and mechanical repairs, painting of the structures and improvements to sidewalks and roadway approaches.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The project would ensure that the Kingsland Ave. Bridge become compliant with regulations and remains open. The bridge is a key commuter bridge and carries 30,000 vehicles daily. Rehabilitation of the bridge would improve the commuting of surrounding communities and improve access and use of other types of mass transportation such as the train, bus and subway systems.

Project Name: Community Educational Center, Guttenberg, NJ

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000 Recipient: City of Guttenberg

Address: 6808 Park Avenue, Guttenberg, NJ 07093

Project Description: This project would construct a community center adjacent to the Anna L. Klein School and would be shared by the school and Town. Part of the facility would contain classrooms to be used by the school during the day from September through June and shared between the school and the Town for after-school and community recreational activities when classes are not in session.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This center will provide numerous community services. This includes having a multi-purpose room which would provide a forum for theater, dance, and music performances, which would bring residents together and foster a sense of community. A planned rooftop park would provide additional open space and athletic opportunities in a community where land for recreational purposes is a scarce commodity.

Project Name: Reconstruction of Hoboken's Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, Hoboken, NJ

Amount Requested: \$9,724,300 Recipient: City of Hoboken

Address: 94 Washington Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Project Description: Funding assistance is necessary in order to reconstruct portions of Hoboken's waterfront walkway. 1980 New Jersey legislation requires all development abutting the Hudson River, from Bayonne to the George Washington Bridge to maintain a continuous walkway open to the public and the City of Hoboken has created pedestrian walkway abutting its waterfront parks. Tored worms (shipworms) have structurally compromised the integrity of sections of Hoboken's Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, causing segments to collapse. For safety purposes, the public is now denied access to sections of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: By reconstructing the waterfront walkway, pedestrians and bicyclists would once again have access to the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. Temporary design, engineering and construction jobs would be created during the reconstruction.

Project Name: John A. Delaney Homes, Perth Amboy, NJ Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Recipient: Housing Authority of Perth Amboy

Address: 881 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 0661 Project Description: This project would demolish the vacant building of Delaney Homes, a public housing project consisting of 252 apartments in 29 two-story brick buildings which was constructed in 1951-1952. The Housing Authority received approval from the U.S. Department of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) to demolish the project; however, no funding was provided. The Housing Authority relocated the resident families to other public housing units or to Section 8-assisted housing units.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: Employment opportunities would be created through the demolition of the vacant buildings and clearing of the site. Through the demolition and site clearance a large parcel of land would be made available for re-development. This would generate further opportunities for employment, new housing and new commercial ventures.

Project Name: Bayfront Structural Bulkhead Stabilization and Redevelopment Project, Jersey City, NJ

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000 Recipient: City of Jersey City Address: 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 Project Description: The Bayfront Redevelopment project includes the remediation of 100 acres of brownfields and the development of a mixed-use community bringing together public waterfront access, 20 acres of new parks and open space, new businesses, housing opportunities and mass transit access in the City of Jersey City.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would be a regional example of brownfield redevelopment, transit-oriented development and would provide public access to the Hackensack River. Construction of a concrete encased structural bulkhead would secure the waterfront area for the future use of this site and create construction jobs.

Project Name: Berry Lane Park Development, Jersey City, NJ Amount Requested: \$1,000,000 Recipient: City of Jersey City Address: 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 Project Description: With this funding, the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency would clean up 17.5 acres of contaminated brownfields and create 17.5 additional acres of new parkland in the heart of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: Converting a former industrial site into new open space in such a populated area as Jersey City would benefit the entire community, the environment, and create 150 temporary and permanent jobs for the area.

Project Name: Playground Rehabilitation Safety Project, Jersey City, NJ

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Recipient: City of Jersey City

Address: 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Project Description: This project would resurface a playground to make it a safe environment for all.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: A safe playground environment would reduce the severity of injuries of those playing and also reduce the likelihood of children becoming involved in criminal activity.

Project Name: Routes 440 and 1&9T Livable Communities Project, Jersey City, NJ Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Recipient: City of Jersey City

Address: 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 Project Description: This project would design an interconnected network of "complete streets" and "livable communities" by accommodating the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as encouraging local and regional economic development. The highway would turn into a multi-use urban boulevard with public amenities such as benches and lighting.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would create new jobs, improve safety, traffic operations, accessibility, and multi-modal mobility.

Project Name: Tremley Point Infrastructure Project, Linden NJ

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Recipient: City of Linden

Address: 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 Project Description: Funding will be used to reconstruct Tremley Point

road, construct an access road, and encourage private development by businesses in a designated area. This is part of a comprehensive planning project that would focus on the expansion of interchange 12 on the NJ Turnpike that would provide better and direct access to the Linden Tremley Point/Carteret area.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would be part of an overarching, long-term comprehensive economic strategy that enhances the region with potential for achieving a rising standard of living.

Project Name: The New Brunswick Middlesex County, NJ Bikeway Design Engineering

Amount Requested: \$500,000 Recipient: Middlesex County Address: One John F. Kennedy Square, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 Project Description: The New Brunswick Bikeway would connect the Douglas Campus of Rutgers University with the downtown New Brunswick area, the College Avenue Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and the New Brunswick Train Station. Final Design work would conduct analysis and design engineering for significant drainage reconstruction, roadway milling, repaving and striping, upgrading of traffic signal hardware, re-timing, and looping replacement at ten intersections, signage, bike lane construction in some locations, ADA intersection and bikeway compliance, video presence detection, and road and existing facility reconstruction.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The New Brunswick Bikeway would create a continuous bicycle and pedestrian route between two campuses, the downtown, and other transportation modes including rail and bus lines. There is currently severe traffic congestion in New Brunswick. The expected benefits are reduced traffic congestion, reduced air pollution from vehicles, reduced excess demand for parking spaces, and an improved physical condition of those who use the bike way.

Project Name: North Broad Street Revitalization Project, Newark, NJ

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Recipient: City of Newark

Address: 920 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Project Description: Funding would be used for road improvements, parking facilities, bike lane developments, and streetscape improvements. The Broad Street area is a priority redevelopment for the City because it offers a range of

large-scale, transit-oriented development opportunities. The area is close in proximity to the city's commercial core, the University district which includes Rutgers and NJIT, cultural institutions, the Passaic Riverfront Area, and Newark's public transit system.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The initiatives would deepen public and private investment in the Area, and would help to address the fundamental infrastructure challenges facing the City. The project would help to address the fundamental parking challenges facing the City.

Project Name: Bill Language Authorizing Participation in the Moving-to-Work Demonstration Program

Amount Requested: N/a

Recipient: Newark Housing Authority

Address: 920 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Requested Language: "The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall increase, pursuant to this section, the number of Moving-to-Work agencies authorized under section 204, title II, of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104–134; 110 Stat. 1321–281) by making the Newark Housing Authority a Moving-to-Work Agency under such section 204."

Explanation/Value to the Taxpayer: Adding the Newark Housing Authority would allow the Newark Housing Authority to have fiscal and regulatory flexibility, which would improve services. Using the flexibility of the Moving To Work program, Newark would benefit from its changes to the project-based rules in the Section 8 Project Based Assistance (PBA) program. Newark Housing Authority could project-base more units and also be able to support innovative ideas and programs that are currently not allowed to use project-based vouchers, like transitional housing and shared housing models.

Project Name: Interstate 280 Interchange Improvements, Harrison, NJ

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Recipient: Hudson County Improvement Authority Address: 574 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306 Project Description: Funding would be used to consolidate the existing partial ramp system at I-280 in Harrison into a single interchange. This project is located at a key chokepoint on the heavily traveled east-west corridor between the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: This funding would reduce traffic accidents. Additionally, this project would help promote the redevelopment of this former industrial area and improve access to an area that is currently involved in a major redevelopment effort.

Project Name: Route 139, Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ

Amount Requested: \$6,000,000

Recipient: New Jersey Department of Transportation

Address: 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08628

Project Description: The funding would be used to rehabilitate and repair two deteriorated viaducts (long bridges). Additionally, intersection improvements would occur at Bevan Street, Summit Avenue, Central Avenue, Oakland Avenue, Baldwin Avenue, and Palisade Avenue. Drainage work along the lower roadway in conjunction with the repairs to the drainage on the bridge (or upper roadway) as well as roadway work adjacent to the east side of the bridge is also proposed.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project will improve operation and safety at several intersections as well as repair two viaducts. This project would also create construction jobs.

Project Name: Route 495, Route 1&9/ Paterson Plank Road Bridge, North Bergen, Hudson County, NJ

Amount Requested: \$50,000,000

Recipient: New Jersey Department of Transportation

Address: 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08628

Project Description: The funding would be used to rehabilitate the nine-span Route 495 bridge Route 1 & 9, Liberty Avenue, Paterson Plank Road, Conrail and NJ Transit Park & Ride Lot located in the North Bergen Township, Hudson County. The project includes partial to full depth deck repair/reconstruction of the mainline Route 495 Bridge, deck replacement on two ramps from Route 495 to Route 1 & 9, strengthening of the deteriorated structural steel, bridge railing/guide rails, bridge painting, and substructures/drainage rehabilitation.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: Route 495 provides main access to Lincoln Tunnel from New Jersey Turnpike (Exit 16E) and Route 3. This project would also create construction jobs.

Project Name: ARC/ The Tunnel, New Jersey Trans-Hudson Midtown Corridor Newark, NJ Amount Requested: \$200,000,000 Recipient: NJ TRANSIT

Address: One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105

Project Description: The funding would be used to construct a 9.3 mile commuter rail extension and tunnel from Secaucus, New Jersey to Midtown Manhattan that provides for commuter rail service to Manhattan from Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon, Union, Bergen and Passaic Counties in New Jersey and Rockland and Orange Counties in New York.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would serve the entire New Jersey/New York Metropolitan region and create approximately 6,000 new jobs annually, for almost a decade, and would remove 22,000 cars each day from our highways. The project would improve trans-Hudson mobility, thereby improving vehicular congestion relief and air quality, relieving transit congestion, and improving transit ridership through expanded one-seat ride service.

Project Name: Bayonne 8th Street Intermodal Station, Bayonne, NJ

Amount Requested: \$20,000,000 **Recipient:** NJ TRANSIT **Address:** One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105 **Project Description:** This project involves construction of a new intermodal bus and light rail station facility along NJ TRANSIT's Hudson-Bergen Light Rail system at 8th Street in Bayonne, NJ.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: Over 3,400 riders are expected to use this facility and this project would reduce congestion, improve air quality and continue economic development.

Project Name: Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Route 440 Extension, Jersey City, NJ

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: NJ TRANSIT

Address: One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105

Project Description: This project would study means of extending the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail system to Route 440 in Jersey City. Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR) is a vital light rail connection that links the growing cities of the Hudson River waterfront. HBLR serves the high-density commercial and residential centers in Jersey City and Hoboken and connects to ferries, PATH, and commuter rail. Beginning in Bayonne, the operating corridor extends through some of the nation's most densely populated municipalities, a region noted for significant dependence on transit.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: The public transit networks in this region of the state work synergistically to provide transit service. By advancing this initiative, NJ TRANSIT would be able to improve the intermodal connectivity in the region.

Project Name: Hudson Bergen Light Rail System Expansion, Jersey City, NJ Amount Requested: \$5,000,000 Recipient: NJ TRANSIT

Address: One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105

Project Description: Funding would be used to support planning work associated with the construction of the extension of Hudson Bergen Light Rail to selected areas of northern New Jersey where light rail ridership is most heavily used and there is significant redevelopment.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: Expanding this public transit system would help improve regional competitiveness for the region and also improve air quality. The Hudson Bergen Light Rail system serves major transportation, business and shopping centers including Exchange Place, Newport Centre and Hoboken. People use the Hudson Bergen line to connect with other transit alternatives like NJ TRANSIT buses and trains, the NY Waterway ferry, and PATH trains to New York City. Expansion of this light rail service would provide better mobility for area residents and employees.

Project Name: Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners Roadway Improvements, Newark, NJ Amount Requested: \$1,800,000 Recipient: Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners

Address: 600 Wilson Avenue, Newark, NJ 07753

Project Description: The project would repair and repave 7.5 miles of roadways within the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners (PVSC) treatment plant used for internal transport within the plant and the delivery of chemicals and other materials. The PVSC is a 330 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant located on 175 acres in Newark, New Jersey.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners Roadway Improvements project would create jobs during the construction period. The improved roadways would improve truck deliveries which are vital to the operation of the wastewater facility. The 47 communities contributing wastewater and roadway runoff, including Jersey City, would benefit from this project.

Project Name: Expanding TRANSCOM's Multi-Modal Information Infrastructure for the NJ/NY/CT Region, Jersey City, NJ Amount Requested: \$2,000,000 Recipient: Transportation Operations Coordinating Committee (TRANSCOM)

Address: 111 Town Square Place, Jersey City, NJ 07310

Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase equipment and implement systems to produce additional real-time travel time information in the NJ/NY/CT metropolitan region. This information would be used by operating agencies to detect incidents and to determine their effect more quickly. This information would be provided to motorists and bus and truck operators through the use of the states' 511 systems, electronic signs, and in-vehicle and personal devices.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: Implementation of this system would result in more rapid detection of incidents on roadways, due to accidents, construction or special events, a quicker response and a reduction of congestion. When provided to travelers, this would enable them to make more efficient decisions on routing, departure time, and modal diversion. The overall result would be more efficient transportation operations and a more efficient use of travel information resources. This network improvement would not only enhance mobility in the region, but it would also reduce the risk of secondary accidents, improve air quality, and enhance economic development in the region.

Project Name: Kapkowski Road Transportation Planning Area/North Avenue Corridor, Elizabeth, NJ

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Recipient: County of Union Address: 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207 Project Description: Funding would be used for engineering, right of way and construction of direct ramp connections from North Avenue to Jersey Gardens Boulevard, construction of a flyover of the Kapkowski Rd./North Ave. intersection, and grade separation of North/Dowd/Division intersections.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The following project would help sustain economic growth in the area, and would support significant job creation. These transportation improvements will reduce congestion and increase safety.

Project Name: New York Avenue Improvement Project – 32nd Street to 48th Street, Union City, NJ

Amount Requested: \$1,300,000

Recipient: City of Union City Address: 3715 Palisade Avenue, Union City, NJ 07087 Project Description: Funding would be used to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists on this heavily-traveled and seriously deteriorated major thoroughfare and main connector to Union City's central business district. The roadway surface would be repaired and repaved, crumbling curbs and sidewalks would be replaced, crosswalk safety improvements would be installed, and landscaping would be installed to create a green corridor effect, enhancing the environment for economic development of the shops and businesses lining New York Avenue.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: Funding would conserve fuel through reduced congestion and improved traffic flow, promote economic revitalization of an important commercial district, and generate construction jobs.

Project Name: Union City Traffic Signal System Improvement Project, Union City, NJ

Amount Requested: \$600,000

Recipient: City of Union City

Address: 3715 Palisade Avenue, Union City, NJ 07087

Project Description: The requested funding would be used to replace aged, malfunctioning traffic signals at five major pedestrian crosswalks in Union City. The project would substantially improve safety for both pedestrians and motorists in the nation's second most densely populated community.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: Measurable outcomes of the project would include reduced incidents of traffic accidents affecting pedestrians and motorists at the five currently unsafe intersections, reduced congestion and congestion-related automobile emissions, and improved air quality.

Project Name: Weehawken, NJ Park Avenue Traffic Signal Improvement Amount Requested: \$614,700 Recipient: Township of Weehawken Address: #2 50th Street, Weehawken, NJ Project Description: The funding would be used to assist the phased installation of new, upgraded, synchronized traffic signals. The project would also support the vital

emergency mass evacuation function of Park Avenue by enabling remote traffic control and emergency evacuation synchronization of the new traffic signals through electronic connection to the Weehawken Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: The project would benefit Hudson County and the New York/ New Jersey metropolitan region by supporting Park Avenue's vital function as the County-designated emergency mass evacuation route in the event of disaster(s)/terrorist attack(s) affecting the Lincoln Tunnel and/or New York City. This project would ensure rapid mass evacuation. The project would also improve traffic flow, increase safety for motorists and pedestrians, conserve fuel and improve air quality through reduced traffic congestion and automotive emissions on Park Avenue.

Project Name: Route 27 and Wood Avenue Roadway Congestion and Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Woodbridge, NJ

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000 Recipient: Township of Woodbridge Address: One Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Project Description: Funding would be used to address the serious vehicle congestion and pedestrian safety issues associated with the area along Route 27 in the vicinity of Wood Avenue adjacent to Metropark by creating dedicated turn lanes, thru lanes, and improved right turn facilities northbound and southbound on Route 27 as well as eastbound on Wood Avenue and by installing a signalized pedestrian crossing and new or enhanced sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, and drainage changes.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: This project would reduce congestion and result in enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety. This roadway system is adjacent to Metropark, one of the busiest regional multimodal hubs. f

Project Name: Smith's Creek Bridge Planning and Design, Woodbridge, NJ Amount Requested: \$500,000
Recipient: Township of Woodbridge

Address: One Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Project Description: Funding would be used for planning and design of a bridge across Smith's Creek to improve access to Williams Memorial Park. The new bridge would accommodate automobile, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic and facilitate ongoing redevelopment efforts in the Township's Historic Boynton Beach area, which includes a fishing pier, boat marina, and housing.

Explanation/ Value to Taxpayer: Through reduced use of automobiles throughout the area, there would be an environmental benefit on the quality of life for residents that live alongside industrial parcels. Additionally, thousands of park visitors would now be able to access the beach without automobiles.

Project Name: Downtown Streetscape Improvements for Economic Development, Perth Amboy, NJ Amount Requested: \$1,000,000 Recipient: City of Perth Amboy

Address: 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08661

Project Description: This project would redevelop Dublin Neighborhood, a gateway neighborhood that would benefit from widened streets, new curbing, and lighting.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: These measures would foster the growth of small businesses and ultimately revitalize the community.

Project Name: Carnegie Library ADA Renovation, Perth Amboy, NJ

Amount Requested: \$350,000

Recipient: City of Perth Amboy

Address: 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08661 Project Description: This project would renovate and expand the existing structure of Carnegie Library and enable non-ambulatory patrons to visit the library.

Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would expand the Perth Amboy Library and allow all to access the library and benefit from library resources. The library offers important community services such as free classes on resume writing.

Project Name: Union County Child Advocacy Center, Elizabeth, NJ

Amount Requested: \$1,534,716

Recipient: Union County Prosecutor's Office

Address: 240 West Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Project Description: The funding would be used to pay for construction and renovation of an existing four story home to provide a wrap around service model to children reporting sexual and physical abuse from infants to age seventeen in Union County. Explanation/ Value to the Taxpayer: This project would allow legal, investigative, child protective, medical and therapeutic services to be housed at a single location instead of at five separate sites. Locating services at single site would increase service utilization rate to promote healing, recovery and accountability.